

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554**

In the Matter of:

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Petition for Reconsideration of a Decision)	
of the Wireline Competition Bureau)	
of an appeal from Coosa County)	DA 12-1820
School District, Alabama)	November 19, 2012
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism)	

Petition for Reconsideration

Coosa County School District, Alabama (Coosa) requests reconsideration of a Decision by the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) in accordance with Title 47, Part 1, Section 1.106 of Commission rules. This request is based on §1.106(b)(2) or §1.106(c)(2) of the Commission's rules. This petition comes timely submitted within 30 days of the Administrator decision.

Applicant Name: Coosa County School District
Billed Entity Number: 127942
Service Provider: Charter FiberLink-Alabama, LLC
SPIN: 143027346
Form 471 Application Numbers: 674444
Funding Request Number: 1841126
Reason for Denial: Appeal filed more than 60 days after denial

In a Global Decision dated November 19, 2012, Bloom High School District 206 Chicago Heights, Illinois, et al., DA 12-1820, the Wireline Competition Bureau denied a number of appeals citing the appeals were untimely submitted outside the 60 day appeal deadline and did not show special circumstances to warrant a waiver of the deadline. Coosa was denied in this Global Decision but asserts the facts related to its appeal were not related to a missed appeal deadline but are more aligned with a combination of factors as follows:

Our funding request for that year was subject to a USAC audit that significantly delayed approval of our request. We were also dealing with the paperwork required for

subsequent funding years. Our attention was not focused on the matter in an on-going way because Charter Communications continued to provide discounted billing on our account as we requested, despite the delay in funding.

In addition, our internal circumstances contributed to the situation as follows:

Coosa County School District did not file the form 486 for the above commitment by the due date of March 16, 2011. This oversight was due to a lack of E-Rate training, a reduction of staff, and the additional responsibilities incurred with the award of a Federal School Improvement Grant, which involved an overwhelming amount of time and paperwork for Kevin Thompson, Technology Coordinator. Due to financial restraints, Mr. Thompson was and still is the only employee in the Technology Department for all Coosa County Schools K – 12 and the district office. Since this time, Mr. Thompson, along with the CSFO, has received additional E-Rate training and subsequent forms will be done in a timely manner.

Conclusion

The assistance we receive from the E-rate program is vital to our Schools and to have lost our funding as a result only of this procedural failing is devastating. Coosa County respectfully requests the Commission to reconsider its decision and restore badly needed funding for this FRN based on precedent and in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of December, 2012,

/s/

Kevin Thompson
Technology Coordinator
Coosa County Public Schools